and she is old, and cannot help herself: you shall have forty, sir.

BARD. Go to: stand aside.

FEE. By my troth, I care not: a man can die but once: — we owe God a death: I'll ne'er bear a base mind: — an't be my destiny, so: an't be not, so: No man's too good to serve his prince: and let it go which way it will, he that dies this year, is quit for the next.

BARD. Well said; thou'rt a good fellow.

'Faith, I'll bear no base mind.

Re-enter FALSTAFF, *and Justices.*

FAL. Come, sir, which men shall I have?

SHAL. Four, of which you please.

BARD. Sir, a word with you: — I have three pound [4] to free Mouldy and Bull-calf.

FAL. Go to; well.

SHAL. Come, sir John, which four will you have?

FAL. Do you choose for me.

SHAL. Marry then, — Mouldy, Bull-calf, Feeble, and Shadow.

FAL. Mouldy, and Bull-calf: — For you, Mouldy, stay at home till you are past service [5]: — and, for

* I have three pound —] Here seems to be a wrong computation. He had forty shillings for each. Perhaps he meant to conceal part of the profit. JOHNSON*.

5 — For you, Mouldy, STAY at home STILL: you are past service:] The old copies read — "For you, Mouldy, *stay* at home *till* you are past service." STEEVENS.

This should surely be: "For you, Mouldy, *you have stalled* at home!" &c. Falstaff has before a similar allusion: "'Tis the more time thou wert used."

There is some mistake in the number of *recruits*: Shallow says, that Falstaff should have *four* there, but he appears to get but *three:* Wart, Shadow, and Feeble." FARMER.

See p. 125, n. 7. I believe, "*stay* at home *till* you are past service" is right: the subsequent part of the sentence being likewise imperative: "and, for your part, Bull-calf, *grow till* you

come unto it.** MALONE.